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4. [redacted] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and said Chairman Stennis would like to have the Agency up for a world wrapup briefing of the full Armed Services Committee tomorrow. I told him the Director was out of town and asked if it was possible to have the briefing some time next week. He asked me to find out who would be available to give the briefing in the Director's absence and to give him several alternatives for the Chairman's consideration. Later in the day Braswell called back to say that on reflection the Chairman had decided to schedule our briefing next Monday, 8 January, at 2:30 p.m. I told him we still could not reach the Director until some time this evening and could not confirm this until we made contact with him. Braswell said the Chairman plans to start confirmation hearings on Tuesday so there was not much leeway if he was to have the briefing before the confirmation hearings began.

Still later, Braswell called and said confirmation hearings for Richardson, Clements, and Schlesinger have been scheduled for Tuesday, 9 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the nominations will be taken up in the above order. If necessary, the hearings will be resumed on Wednesday morning and continue through the afternoon. He mentioned these nominations have been received from the White House.

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5. [redacted] [redacted], OSI, called to say that Jerry Johnson and some of his people in the Atomic Energy Commission had been in touch with him about the advisability of briefing the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Captain Bauser, Mr. Murphy, and Colonel Shwiller) on the [redacted] on what the Soviets are doing in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy. He said the AEC people had asked him to contact the JCAE staff and arrange for the briefing. I expressed some reservation about our taking the initiative on such a briefing and suggested Mr. Duckett clear this with the Director.

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